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Massachusetts Army National Guard



As a member of the Army National Guard you have access to a wide variety of education benefits that will help you prepare for your future.

100% Tuition Waiver: Waives the cost of tuition for State-supported courses or programs offered at 28 Massachusetts State colleges, universities, and community colleges; up to 130 semester hours.

ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance: Provides up to \$250 per semester hour to soldiers pursuing a college degree, or a vocational, technical or trade school course, program or license at an accredited institution of higher learning. FTA may also fund 100% of authorized fees. The maximum annual cap per soldier is \$4,500. Soldiers can use the 100% Tuition Waiver program and FTA for fees for the same course or program.

DANTES Distance Learning: Earn a college degree or a vocational, technical or trade school certificate or license at home and receive up to \$250 per semester hour in ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance for distance learning coursework. Tuition assistance can not exceed 100% of the tuition cost for a course. The maximum annual cap per soldier is \$4,500.

College Credit for Military Experience: The AARTS transcript system produces official military transcripts that list the military schools you have attended and the military occupational specialties you have held along with college credit recommendations provided by the American Council on Education.

Montgomery GI Bill, Chapter 1606:

Provides educational assistance in the form of monthly tax-free payments for qualified soldiers enrolled in VA-approved education and training programs. Eligible soldiers can receive up to \$10,368* under this program. (*rates effective 1 OCT 04)

Montgomery GI Bill Kicker: A \$200 monthly rate is available for non-prior service and prior service applicants, as well as current ARNG soldiers. A \$350 monthly rate is available for soldiers enrolled in State or federal Officer Candidate School, Warrant Officer Candidate School, or the R.O.T.C. Simultaneous Membership Program. Eligible soldiers must enlist or extend to have not less than a six year obligation from the day they sign the Kicker contract. Payment rates are based on enrollment in VA-approved education and training programs.

Apprenticeship Programs: Soldiers who are not using their G.I. Bill benefits for college, may collect these monthly educational assistance payments for participation in State-approved apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs at over 550 employment locations in Massachusetts. Over 850 job titles are considered apprenticeable by the U.S. Department of Labor. These tax-free G.I. Bill payments can be collected in addition to an apprentice's regular full-time wages.

Credit-by-Exam Testing: Soldiers can take College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit-by-exam tests free-of-charge at participating National Test Centers, located at colleges across Massachusetts. Many colleges will award up to 30 semester hours of college credit for successfully passing these tests. Each test is worth between 3 and 12 college credits.

Student Guide to Success: Free video, audio and CD courses that are specifically designed to prepare soldiers and their spouses to challenge CLEP and DSST examinations.

GRE & GMAT Testing: Reimburses soldiers for the cost of these computer-based graduate school admissions exams on a one-time-only basis. The tests are available exclusively through Prometric Testing Centers located throughout the State.

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty R.O.T.C. Scholarships: Provides soldiers with the chance to compete for two-year full college scholarships worth up to \$28,000 per year, plus \$600 annually for books.

Enhanced Benefits at Massachusetts Bay Community College: Waives 100% of tuition and fees for day courses and 50% of tuition for evening courses for up to three courses per year at the Wellesley and Framingham campuses.

Norwich University Adjutant General Scholarship: Provides a maximum of \$3,000 in scholarship funding annually to soldiers and their dependents who have gained acceptance into a full-time Norwich University degree program.

High School Completion and GED Preparation: Soldiers who enlist in their junior year of high school are eligible to receive ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance to assist in paying tuition at accredited private high schools during their senior year, subject to the college funding caps. The FTA program also covers 100% of the costs associated with preparing for the GED test.

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